



Housing Policy

Over the last ten years, Tasmania has experienced a major property boom that has seen exponential growth in new development and property prices. But while this boom has been great for home owners and property investors, it has also created housing stress for low income earners and renters. Not only is there a shortage of affordable housing options but homelessness is also on the rise, with many people becoming homeless through no fault of their own.

If elected, SFF Tasmania will use their vote in parliament to recommend:

- Support the development of more affordable housing options for low-income earners including exploring an investment guarantee scheme similar in nature to the Defense Force Housing Investment Scheme. This would encourage more investors and property owners to make rental properties available to low-income earners and public housing recipients by providing rental and maintenance guarantees.
- Abolishing land tax to encourage greater investment in property by Tasmanian residents.
- Reducing red/green tape around housing developments.
- Providing free energy efficiency audit programs and assistance with energy efficient appliances for pensioners.
- Placing restrictions on foreign ownership of property - to own Tasmanian property you must either be an Australia citizen or a permanent resident. For commercial property and businesses, foreign ownership must be less than 49% ie must have a majority Australian owner.